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AGREEMENT

CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TECHNICAL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR WHEELED VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND PARTS WHICH CAN BE FITTED AND/OR BE USED ON WHEELED VEHICLES AND THE CONDITIONS FOR RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF APPROVALS GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF THESE PRESCRIPTIONS *

(Revision 2, including the amendments entered into force on 16 October 1995)

Addendum 93: Regulation No. 94

Amendment 1

Supplement 1 to the Regulation - Date of entry into force: 12 August 1996

UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE PROTECTION OF THE OCCUPANTS IN THE EVENT OF A FRONTAL COLLISION

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* Former title of the Agreement:

Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval and Reciprocal Recognition of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts, done at Geneva on 20 March 1958.

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Insert new paragraphs 2.11. to 2.14., to read:

"2.11. "Airbag assembly" means a device installed to supplement safety belts and restraint systems in power-driven vehicles, i.e. systems which, in the event of a severe impact affecting the vehicle, automatically deploy a flexible structure intended to limit, by compression of the gas contained within it, the gravity of the contacts of one or more parts of the body of an occupant of the vehicle with the interior of the passenger compartment.

2.12. "Passenger airbag" means an airbag assembly intended to protect occupant(s) in seats other than the driver's in the event of a frontal collision.

2.13. "Child restraint" means an arrangement of components which may comprise a combination of straps or flexible components with a securing buckle, adjusting devices, attachments, and in some cases a supplementary chair and/or an impact shield, capable of being anchored to a power driven vehicle. It is so designed as to diminish the risk of injury to the wearer, in the event of a collision or of abrupt deceleration of the vehicle by limiting the mobility of the wearer's body.

2.14. "Rearward-facing" means facing in the direction opposite to the normal direction of travel of the vehicle."

Insert new paragraphs 6. to 6.2.3., to read:

"6. Instructions for users of vehicles equipped with airbags

6.1. The vehicle shall carry information to the effect that it is equipped with airbags for seats.

6.1.1. For a vehicle fitted with an airbag assembly intended to protect the driver, this information shall consist of the inscription "AIRBAG" located in the interior of the circumference of the steering wheel; this inscription shall be durably affixed and easily visible.

6.1.2. For a vehicle fitted with a passenger airbag intended to protect front seat occupants other than the driver, this information shall consist of the warning label described in paragraph 6.2. below.

6.2. A vehicle fitted with one or more passenger airbags shall carry information about the extreme hazard associated with the use of rearward-facing child restraints on seats equipped with airbag assemblies.

6.2.1 As a minimum, this information shall consist of a pictogram label as indicated below.

Overall diameter : ≥ 50 mm

6.2.2. The warning label shall be durably affixed and located such that it is easily visible in front of a person about to install a rearward-facing child restraint on the seat in question.
A permanent reference should be visible at all times, in case the warning is not visible when the door is closed.

This requirement does not apply to those seats equipped with a device which automatically deactivates the airbag assembly when a rearward-facing child restraint is installed.

6.2.3. Detailed information, making reference to the label, shall be contained in the owner's manual of the vehicle; as a minimum the following text in an official ECE language, supplemented by the corresponding text in the language of the country where the vehicle is to be registered, must be included:

"Extreme Hazard! Do not use a rearward facing child restraint on a seat protected by an airbag in front of it!"

The text shall be accompanied by the pictogram mounted on the vehicle."

Paragraphs 6. to 10. (former), renumber as paragraphs 7. to 11.